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In a guest post at The Panda's Thumb blog, NCSE's executive director Eugenie C. Scott [reviewed](#) [4] the new film about Darwin, [Creation](#) [5], describing it as "a thoughtful, well-made film that will change many views of Darwin held by the public — for the good." She described the science as accurate if limited and the history as satisfactory if not wholly accurate, explaining, "This isn't a documentary about Darwin, it's a movie about Darwin. And there's a difference. With the latter, you don't expect absolute fealty to the historical record — though you don't have to — and shouldn't — accept wholesale violations."

Most important, Scott insisted, is the film's sympathetic and detailed portrayal of Darwin (played by Paul Bettany) as flesh and blood, as "a passionate, loving human being" as well as a dedicated investigator of the natural world. "By telling an interesting story, and making Darwin human," she wrote, "*Creation* will I think encourage some viewers to find out more about the historical Darwin and his ideas. From my standpoint as director of NCSE, that's useful, indeed. The more people know about evolution and its most famous proponent, the less they will fear it."

Update, September 17, 2009: It is not yet clear whether *Creation* will find a distributor in the United States. The producer, Jeremy Thomas, [told](#) [6] the *Telegraph* (September 11, 2009), "It has got a deal everywhere else in the world but in the US, and it's because of what the film is about. ... It is unbelievable to us that this is still a really hot potato in America." A few days thereafter, however, NBC Bay Area (September 15, 2009) [reported](#) [7] that a distribution deal was imminent, quoting a spokesperson for the film as saying, "There is now a bidding war for the film in the US. A US deal will be in place by the end of the week."

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